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Urban District Council.

Medical Officer's,

AND

Sanitary Inspector's

ANNUAL


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Carboline is given out according to the Council's instructions, viz., 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The following alterations have been made during the year without notices having to be served, viz.:—

- W. GRIEVE.—1 W.C. (instead of old privy), Inspection Chamber and Ventilating Shafts, Sanitary Ash Bins.
F. MENNEL.—1 W.C. (instead of old privy), Chamber and Ventilating Shaft, Bath (Hot and Cold), and Lavatory.
W. WILKINSON.—3 W.C.'s (instead of old privies), Chamber, Ventilating Shaft, Sanitary Ash Bins.
H. MASON.—3 W.C.'s (instead of old privies), Chambers, Ventilating Shafts, Sanitary Ash Bins.
C. W. RICHARDSON.—3 W.C.'s (instead of old privies), Chambers, Ventilating Shaft, Sanitary Ash Bins.
H. PEARSON.—2 W.C.'s (instead of old privies), Chamber and Ventilating Shaft.
MRS. HOWARD.—1 W.C. (instead of old privy), Chamber and Shaft.

REPORTS ON THE HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1907, from April, 1914, to December 31st, 1914.

56 inspections were made. 55 were reported to the Council, and 55 notices were served, viz.:—

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.—WILLIAM BEAUMONT.—3 W.C.'s (in place of old privies, old buildings pulled down and new one put up), Drains, Inspection Chambers and Vent Shaft, Slates Repaired, (Yards and Spouts to do.)
6, 7, 8, 9, 10.—J. BROOMHEAD.—3 W.C.'s (in place of old privies, old places pulled down and new one put up), Drains (all new), Manhole, Inspection Chamber, Ventilating Shaft, Gullies re-fixed, Drains in Cellar dispensed with, Yard to do. when consolidated.
11, 12, 13, 14.—HARRIS STONE.—Some minor repairs, such as Spouts, Fall Pipes, Slates, and Repairs to Joiners' Work. Most important not yet begun, W.C.'s and Yards.
15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.—KENYON & CHARLESWORTH.—Not yet begun.
23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35.—KENYON & CHARLESWORTH.—Slates and Spouts Repaired, Manholes and Inspection Chambers, Intercepting Trap, Ventilating Shaft. All New Drains have been put in.
36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41.—STONES & WINTOUR'S TRUSTEES.—Dangerous Corner over Shop Door, attended to Slates, etc., Doors, etc., put in order. W.C.'s, Perished Bricks and Yard not done yet, nor Sinks and Sink Pipes.
42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48.—POPE & PEARSONS' LTD.—Notices written out, but not served, owing to Plans for the Alterations being submitted to the Council.
49.—W. L. WHITE.—Contractors have this in hand. 2 W.C.'s.
50, 51, 52.—ALFRED SMITH.—Contractors have this in hand.
53.—ALFRED DOWNES.—
54.—MRS. ILLINGWORTH.—
55.—LEONARD ADDY.—
56.—EMMANUEL WARD.—Overcrowding. 3 children sent to sleep with friends.

All those persons who have had Notices served on them to put W.C.'s in and make their premises sanitary, and also those who have been written to, will greatly assist the Sanitary Authority if they will have the works carried out at once, as delay is dangerous.

Thanking the inhabitants of the district for the manner in which they have responded to my suggestions,

I am, Sir and Gentlemen, yours obediently,

J. C. COATES.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1914.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

In presenting my Report for the year 1914, I have again great pleasure in stating that improvements are continually being made. The assistance that I have received from the various owners and tenants has helped considerably to attain the standard which has been reached.

One house and shop in Church Road and 2 houses in Station Road have been erected during the year. These are fitted up with Hot and Cold Water, Baths, Lavatories, Water Closets, Manholes, Inspection Chambers and Ventilating Shafts and Sanitary Ash Bins.

I again ask the inhabitants to assist the Sanitary Authority by burning all the old papers, etc., as far as possible, so as to keep the district clean and tidy.

In my visits to the various parts of the district, I find that the windows and doors are not kept open as much as they might be. Perhaps it is forgetfulness, but it is essential for ventilation purposes.

The Sewerage Works are in good order. No reports have been received from the West Riding Rivers Board. The Works are visited by their Inspector. The Sludge Filters that I mentioned in my last report have been completed, and are working satisfactorily.

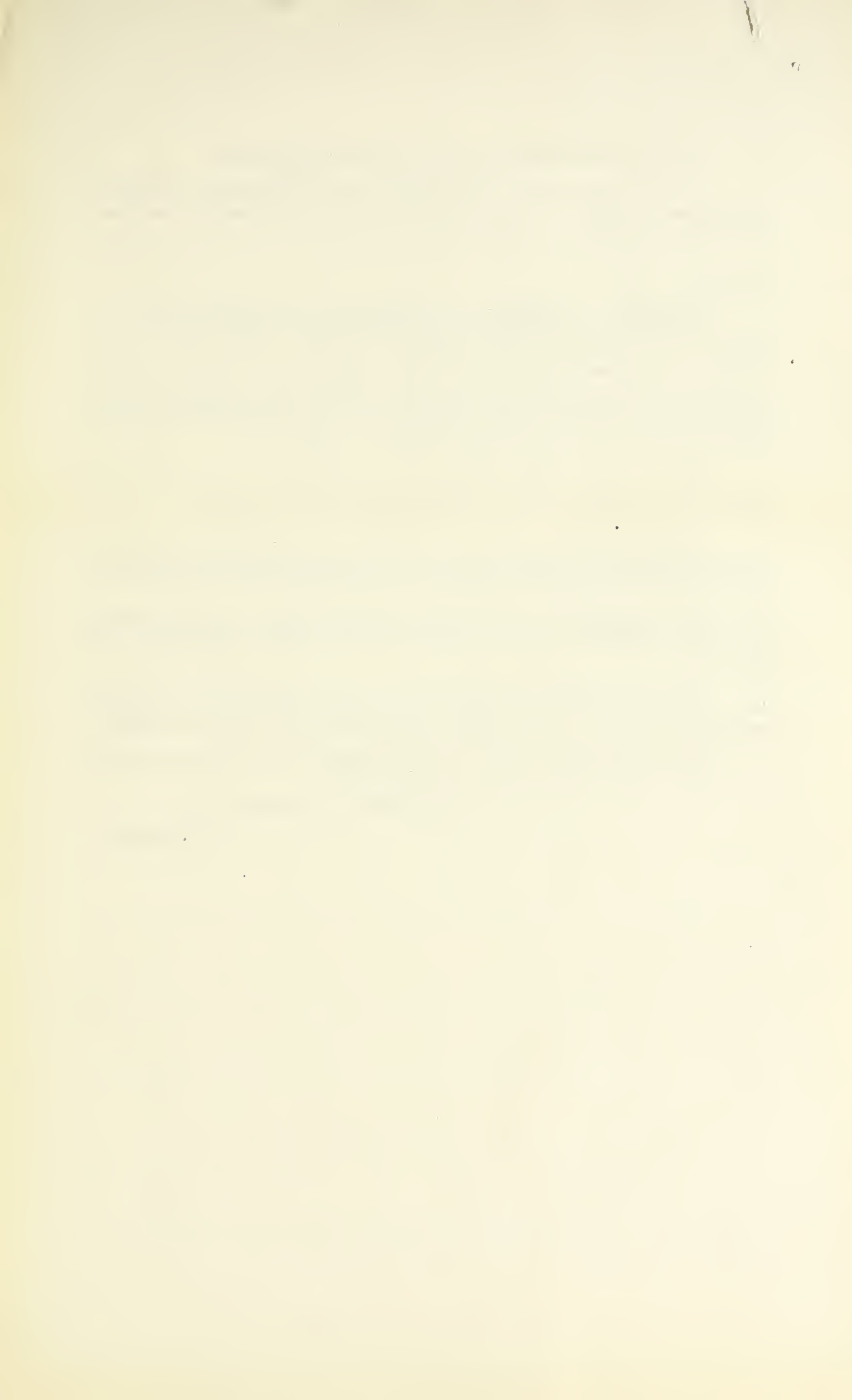
The Scavenging of the District is carried out by our own Staff, and I am pleased to say that it has been done well. In some cases a little delay may have taken place in emptying some of the bins, but when I explain the circumstances that have caused the delay, we shall be excused, the reasons been, viz., the scarcity of tips for the excreta, rubbish, etc., the long distances to cart, the rough weather we have experienced during the last few months. The question of having a Destructor or other appliance will have to be adopted, as the farmers have nearly got all they require. The number of loads of nightsoil, etc., removed from the 1st of January, 1914, to December 31st, 1914, was 3491. Out of that number 312 were picked up by the Bell Carts on Monday and Saturday mornings. Last year's number being 3204.

The Slaughterhouses, Cowsheds, etc., have been visited during the year, and found in fairly good order.

The Nuisances which have arisen during the year have been remedied as soon as possible by owners. No legal notices have been served.

The farmers of the district have assisted me very much during the year. The tip over the canal has not yet been used.

46 cases of Infectious Diseases have been reported, viz., 38 of Scarlet Fever (28 patients were sent to the Hospital and 10 patients treated at home), 4 Erysipelas, 2 Diphtheria (both these were sent to the Hospital), and 2 Puerperal Fever.



One house with shop and two other houses have been built during the year.

Although great improvements have been made in regard to property, housing accommodation still leaves much to be desired. A large number of back-to-back houses still exist, and these from a health point of view, are bad.

Many streets also require paving, as they become very muddy in rainy weather and dusty in dry seasons.

Infectious Disease is treated by isolation at home and by removal to the Joint Hospital at Ackton. 38 cases of Scarlet Fever and 2 of Diphtheria were reported during the year. 28 of the former and both of the latter were removed to Ackton. Scarlet Fever to some extent has become endemic, and it is important in order to stamp it out that medical assistance should at once be applied for in all cases of illness in which there is the slightest evidence of a rash. The mild cases are the most dangerous, from the point of view of spreading the disease. 4 cases of Erysipelas, 2 of Puerperal Fever, 2 of Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and 23 of Tuberculosis were also reported; 13 of the latter were pulmonary, and most of them were sent to the Dispensary for treatment.

The total number of Deaths registered in the district was 46. 2 were transferred to other districts and 8 were transferred from other districts to Altofts, making a nett total of 52 and a rate of 10.6. The rate for 1913 was 12.4. The rate for England and Wales for 1914 was 14.0.

The number of Births for the year was 151, as against 176 for 1913. Boys numbered 68, girls 81 (including 2 illegitimates), making a birth rate of 30.7, as compared with 36.6 for the previous year. The birth rate for England and Wales for 1914 was 23.8, the lowest on record.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis caused 4 deaths, other Tuberculous diseases 2, Cancer 3, Meningitis 2, Heart Disease 3, Bronchitis 5, Pneumonia 7, Cirrhosis of Liver 1, Nephritis 2, violent death 1, other diseases 15.

There were only 9 deaths of children under 1 year and of these only 4 were due to disease. There was only 1 death from Epidemic Diarrhoea, the rate per 1000 births being 59.6. For England and Wales the rate was 105. This is a splendid record and speaks well for the care of the children.

Taken on the whole the health of the community may be said to have been very good, and will compare favourably with most districts in England and Wales.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

H. SCHOLEFIELD.

THE HISTORY OF THE

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ALTOFTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the annual report of the public health of your district for the year 1914.

In regard to the roads of the district, I should like to point out that the one leading to Pen Bank is in a very bad state and almost impassable during the winter.

The population in 1911 (census) was 4689 and estimated to middle of year 1914, 4905.

Poor Law Relief was administered to 20 people.

Leeds Infirmary and Wakefield Hospital have been largely used and their benefits appreciated as shown by the grants made.

The Hospital Committee have also done good service in sending many cases of Rheumatism to Matlock and Buxton, and other cases convalescing after serious illness to Southport.

The Water Supply has proved adequate, except in certain houses at the upper end of the village. No cases of Lead Poisoning have occurred. No pollution of rivers or streams has been reported.

Drainage and Sewerage is adequate and no new developments have been undertaken.

About 50 cases of Nuisances have been abated during the year. No legal proceedings were necessary.

Closet accommodation is adequate, but Privies with open and closed middens are still greatly in excess of Water Closets. 20 Privies have been converted into Water Closets during the year. A greater extension of the Water Closet system is very necessary to the health of the community, and it is to be hoped that property owners will come forward and help in this direction.

The Scavenging in the district has been carried out systematically, but the need for a Destructor is becoming imperative, as it is being found more and more difficult to dispose of the refuse.

No prosecutions have taken place in regard to unsound meat or other food.

The Cowsheds in the district number 14. All are in fairly good order. No cases of Tuberculosis amongst cattle have been reported.

There are 6 Slaughter Houses, some of which in my opinion are too near inhabited houses. I would suggest for the consideration of the Council that an up-to-date Slaughter House be built on a suitable site. This would facilitate inspection and ensure thorough cleanliness.